

Emu Gully Camp News

COMING EVENTS

March
 30 School Photos
 31 4 way meet

April
 3 Full school RAPP parade
 9 Cross Country Last Day Term 1

RAPP AWARDS

Yr 7 Autumn Law
 Mitchell Bleys

Yr 8 Alex Horne
 Emily Pratt
 Bryce Swift

Yr 9 Codie North
 Corinne Hedges

Yr 10 Josh Evans

24 March 2009

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Mrs Ruth Miller

POSITION VACANT Home School Liaison Officer (part time, casual))

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| HOURS | 6 hours per week, 2-3 mornings per week (negotiable). 7.00 am start. |
| ROLE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise homework sessions. Liaise with families as requested by the Principal. Seek funding from external sources to help with resourcing of homework (and similar) programs. Work with students with existing individual plans eg. Kids in care, students with disabilities. Flexibility to work with children from Year 1 through to Year 10. |
| START DATE | Tuesday 21 April 2009. |
| APPLICATION DETAILS | <p>A <i>letter of application</i> to be sent to: rmill1@eg.edu.au (or dropped in at the office) by Tuesday 31 March.</p> <p>A <i>resume</i> is to be attached listing any experience. A Working with Children check will be carried out. An interview process will be held for shortlisted applicants.</p> |

FOR SALE BY TENDER

WHERE: Wondai State School
 32 Kent Street
 Wondai

The school is offering for sale by tender 9 Computers. 8 computers are based in the BEC at school. Computers are complete and ready to use. Linux is installed on all computers and are internet ready.

Viewing will be available next Tuesday 31/03/09 by appointment only. Please call the school administration if you would like to make a time to view.

Tenders Close on Friday 03/04/09 at 3.00pm. All successful tenders will be notified Monday 06/04/09. Payment and collection will be required by midday Thursday 09/04/09.

See School Administration Office for tender forms.

**DON'T MISS OUR
 WHOLE OF SCHOOL
 RAPP PARADE NEXT
 FRIDAY
 3 APRIL, 2.45 pm.**

I am happy to report that all students who attended Emu Gully Camp last week survived a very busy three days. Students participated in many activities that required them to overcome personal fears and develop teamwork skills. Activities demonstrated how seemingly impossible things are accomplished when you look after your friends and support them. These were backed by stories of our Anzac's. I would like to congratulate students on their persistence and determination to be the best they could be. I would also like to thank all staff for their support and participation. Please come to the school office in the next week to see the photo display.

Kind Regards
 Rae Brown
 Camp Coordinator



Bravo Team



Alpha team

Team Wondai in Emu Gully

By Miss Hughes

'Twas 5 am when the campers arrived;
 Looking keen though rather sleep deprived.
 But as the bus set off to Emu Gully
 Sugar was consumed in a desperate hurry!

We got off to quite a shaky start,
 With Al deciding we weren't too smart!
 "You're selfish, smelly and so self centered,
 Useless, soft and brain demented!"

But the Wondai spirit hadn't faded;
 He'd roused us up and left us jaded.
 We wouldn't go down without a fight,
 We came back tough to set things right.

Brodie was first to cop a serve,
 Al pushed him 'til he lost his nerve.
 But he came back strong the very next day
 Proved him wrong and led the way!

Mitchell and Jordan made quite a team
 On the bridge, the tunnel and the mud machine.
 Maddy found strength and dried her tears,
 As she bravely stood up and conquered her fears.

Alpha and Bravo went head to head
 Covered in mud, left Miss Hughes red.
 We walked the log and rowed a boat,
 Had to work hard to stay afloat.

By noon the dam was the perfect fit,
 The slide and diving boards an instant hit.
 Chappy showed us daringly how it was done;
 Launching from the high board was buckets of fun!

The night time slide delivered breath taking thrills,
 Emilia lent her technical skills.
 Harrison and Ted first to yoga
 Ashley so quiet you wouldn't have known 'er!

Grimo was serious with the bombs of flour!
 Aaron and Thomas made the enemy cower.
 Mrs Newson was the captian's girlfriend-
 (Lauree thought she was quite a godsend!)

Maree stayed on despite feeling sick,
 Tahlia performed a 'dummy spit'.
 Pascha and Kasey took the lead,
 And everyone got a rippin' good feed.

By Wednesday night there were tired eyes
 And not a sound was murmured in the Gully's skies,
 Wondai had defined their comeback trail
 United, they succeeded where others had failed.

By the end the staff were truly proud,
 Of the courage and character of the Wondai crowd.
 Mateship and teamwork abundant and bold,
 Our kids showed 'em they had hearts of gold.

Next time Mrs Brown crosses your way,
 "Thank You!" is the thing to say:
 'Cos she organised the best camp yet,
 An experience that we won't forget!

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

Each year we invite and encourage our students from Years 3 to 10, to participate in the national academic competitions. As well as providing valuable information about student achievement to parents, the competitions offer students the opportunity of recognition for effort. This year we are offering students the chance to participate in competitions for Science, Writing, Spelling (Primary only Yr 3 to 6), Mathematics and English. The cost for each competition is \$6.00 except for the Writing competition, which is \$12.00, and Spelling which is \$8.00. Entries should be returned with the fee to the school office by **Monday 6 April**.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS:

Entries Close Monday 6 April

Please enter my child:

Year Level: in the Australian Schools Competition in

| | Tick if required |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Science: | \$ 6.00 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Writing: | \$12.00 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Spelling Assessment: | \$ 8.00 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mathematics Assessment: | \$ 6.00 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| English: | \$ 6.00 <input type="checkbox"/> |

Total Cost: \$.....

I enclose as payment for the student named above in the following competitions:

Signed

Please note that student participation in these competitions will assist them in developing 'test taking skills!' Please consider entering your child in at least one competition.



Earth Hour 2009 - What Will You Be Doing??

Earth Hour began in Sydney in 2007, when 2.2 million homes and businesses switched off their lights for one hour. In 2008 the message had grown into a global sustainability movement, with 50 million people switching off their lights. Global landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, Rome's Colosseum, the Sydney Opera House and the Coca Cola billboard in Times Square all stood in darkness.

At 8:30pm on Saturday 28 March, people from all corners of the world will turn off their lights for one hour - Earth Hour - and cast their vote for action on climate change. Anybody can participate and join together with millions of people across the globe celebrating Earth Hour.

Earth Hour is about taking simple steps everyday that collectively reduce carbon emissions – from businesses turning off their lights when their offices are empty to households turning off appliances rather than leaving them on standby.

Here are 5 different ways to spend Earth Hour and reduce your carbon footprint:

1. Gather family & friends for a night picnic in your local park and look at the stars
2. Enjoy a family dinner by candlelight
3. Organise a treasure hunt in the dark
4. Take the dog for a night walk
5. Organise a family night playing board games

Earth Hour Executive Director, Andy Ridley, is encouraging people to participate in whatever way they choose and to think beyond the hour.

"There are no hard and fast rules surrounding participation in Earth Hour. We only ask that you flick that switch and have fun doing whatever you choose to do during that time.

Make Earth Hour work for you. Families with young children should feel free to turn their lights off earlier than 8:30pm and for those having too much fun in the dark during the hour, don't feel you have to limit yourself to one hour and switch back on at 9:30pm."

To find out more about Earth Hour, visit the official website www.earthhour.org, sign up and join millions of people in more than 1,400 cities and towns in 80 countries throughout the world by turning off your lights for one hour at 8:30pm on Saturday 28 March.

**NEXT P & C MEETING
MONDAY 20 APRIL
7.00 PM**

FOUND

A piece from a Nintendo DS has been handed into the office. If you think this might be yours pop into the office, describe it and you can claim it!

P & C News: Linda Routledge

Car Raffle

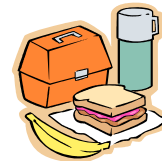
A gentle reminder to families – raffle tickets are available at the office. These are proving to be very popular.



Tuckshop

A sample Tuckshop menu is going home today. Tuckshop starts 1st Friday back next term – April 24.

Tuckshop ladies will run a special menu on the last day of this term, April 9, for Cross Country. Food will not need to be ordered. Limited items will be available all day.



EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We are wanting parents to donate Easter eggs or a gold coin donation for our Easter raffle. Tickets will be sold mainly on Cross country day (9 April) for \$1 each. Please help the P & C with this easy and yummy raffle!



**ICYCUPS
Tuesdays at 3:00 pm
TUCKSHOP
Red, Orange, Green
50 cents each
A Student Council activity**

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Wednesday 25 and Monday 30 March will be the last sessions for this term. We will then have a break until Monday 27 April and Wednesday 29 April, which is after the Easter holidays. There are new activities planned for second term.

Hope to see you all enjoying these activities.

Thank you to Vicki Evans and Mr Chappy for helping out with sandwich making of an afternoon. It is greatly appreciated.

STOLEN

BMX grey stunt bike
Any information please call 4168 5118

Nominate your Favourite Teacher

Students are now able to tell us all about what makes their teacher so special with the My Favourite Teacher program.

This year, students are asked to nominate a teacher who has inspired them to become more creative as part of the Year of Creativity.

My Favourite Teacher is an opportunity to recognise and reward the commitment of Queensland state school teachers. Last year, Queensland students cast more than 4000 votes.

State school students are encouraged to nominate their favourite teacher via the Department's website:
www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/favteacher/

All students need to do is write in 25 words or less why their favourite teacher is so special. Of course, parents of younger children are encouraged to give them a hand.

Entries close on 8 May and the winning teachers will be announced during State Education Week, to be held from 1 – 5 June.

After School Work and weekend work available at Wondai IGA.

Please drop in and see Nathan or Sam if you are interested

Please bring a simple resume with you.